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SMITHILLS SCHOOL

SUCCESS FOR ALL

INTEGRITY
LEARNING
DIVERSITY
EXCELLENCE
LEADERSHIP
COMMUNITY





“Leaders have created a culture in which all are given the chance to be successful”

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“Smithills School is a family of high aspirations and expectations where all members excel to achieve their full potential and make positive contributions to school and society”

Hello and welcome to Smithills School. We are an inclusive secondary school in Bolton rated good by Ofsted.

We are a school where every child is treated as an individual. Our aim is for every child to reach their full potential and for them to grow in confidence and independence. Ofsted stated that we are ‘a truly inclusive school where every pupil is valued.’

This is reflected in our school vision ‘**Success for All.**’

Our pupils are at the heart of everything we do. We encourage all pupils to develop a love of learning. Our highly skilled staff are dedicated professionals who understand that all children must achieve their full potential. Ofsted reported that, ‘strong relationships between teachers and pupils contribute to the quality of learning.’ Parents and carers play a significant part in the success of the Smithills school family and we expect you to work closely with us in a supportive role.

I believe that Smithills is a very special place and will allow your child to flourish in a safe, caring environment where academic progress is at the forefront of our family values. Our website has a wealth of information about our school (www.smithillsschool.net).

You are welcome to make an appointment to visit us at any time.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school in the near future.

M Sidebottom

Principal



Integrity - We value strength of character, honesty and courage, guided by a strong moral code of behaviour.

The partnership between teachers, students and families sits at the very heart of our success

Every pupil who joins Smithills School really matters.

Our school values inform everything we do as part of the Smithills family.

- **Integrity** - We value strength of character, honesty and courage, guided by a strong moral code of behaviour.
- **Learning** - We value inquiry and intellectual growth of all pupils and staff, recognising their different learning needs, encouraging them to be creative, engaged and lifelong learners.
- **Diversity** - We value the acceptance and fair treatment of all people in our community. We encourage the development of a wide range of curricular and enrichment opportunities to facilitate individual talents and interests
- **Excellence** - We value the process of striving for excellence, recognising the desire to produce one's best at all times.
- **Leadership** - We value leadership and teamwork, underpinned by a strong ethical and moral dimension.
- **Community** - We value community, both within and outside the School, and the need for all citizens to be positive and productive members of society.



It's official. Ofsted have judged
Smithills to be a good school
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Joining the Smithills Family

“I have improved and I feel like I am achieving at my greatest ability as the teachers are pushing me to do so”



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At Smithills School we provide an educational experience that is rich, broad and balanced. Lessons engage, motivate and meet the needs of all learners, allowing every child to make progress.

In years 7 and 8 pupils study a range of subjects including: English language and literature, maths, science, history, geography, RE, a language (French, Spanish or Urdu), computer science or IT, art, design technology, food, oracy, dance, drama, music, PE and SMSC.

Smithills School respects every child and young person as an individual and aims to give them opportunities to explore and realise their potential socially, academically, creatively and through sporting achievements.



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In addition to the rich learning opportunities provided by our expert staff day in and day out in the classroom, our exceptional facilities enable pupils to excel whatever their interests

We have our own indoor heated swimming pool with brand new changing facilities. As well as three football pitches and outdoor netball court, we have an indoor Sports' Centre that includes two large halls, indoor cricket nets, basketball, netball and trampolines, as well as a fully fitted dance studio and gym.

In school we also have two more sprung floor dance and drama areas, music rooms with a recording studio and a fully operational catering kitchen for pupils. Our design and technology department has a laser printer and a 3D printer - along with engineering, woodworking and art classrooms. We even have a fully equipped hair and beauty salon.

At Smithills, we are lucky to have a thriving and well-resourced library, which is at the heart of our promotion of a love of reading. The library stock is inspiring and relevant to young people's reading habits and needs. We run clubs – including Lego, Scrabble and Chess – at lunchtimes whilst also participating in local and national events – including The Bolton Book Awards and the 500 words competition. At Key Stage 3, students have designated library lessons, where they enjoy reading quietly and sharing class readers, such as play scripts. The library is a welcoming, positive space in school, supported by the national professional organisations CILIP and The School Library Association.



“Routes help us keep on track and are always pushing us to our maximum potential”



“Learning at school is intuitive, interactive and inspirational throughout”

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Excellence - We value the process of striving for excellence, recognising the desire to produce one’s best at all times.

Every child at Smithills School follows a progress ‘Route’.
This is the grade they are working to achieve by the end of year 11.

Our route system is aspirational and allows pupils to track their progress ensuring they perform at their very best.

Pupils progress is carefully tracked against their personalised route and, in addition to Parents’ Evenings, parents will receive regular reports during the academic year detailing how your child is progressing. Parents are also welcome to contact the school to discuss their child’s progress at any point during the year.

SMITHILLS SCHOOL	
ROUTE 5	
END OF YEAR	GRADES
ELEVEN	5 + ↗
TEN	5 - ↘
NINE	4 ↻
EIGHT	3 ↻
SEVEN	2 ↻



Community - We value community, both within and outside the School, and the need for all citizens to be positive and productive members of society.

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

We offer an outstanding network of dedicated staff to support each and every one of our pupils. Any issues or concerns are dealt with quickly and fairly.

Each year group has a Director of Learning with overall responsibility for student's progress and well being, assisted by Intervention Officers, Pastoral Office staff, Form Tutors and Student Services. The Student Service team assist with any day to day issues, such as school dinners, contact home, bus issues. With strong links to the Form Tutors, the Pastoral Office staff are available throughout the school day, offering a drop in service to help pupils with more personal or curriculum related issues. We have a dedicated first aid office available to assist pupils at all times and for more specialised interventions we have a school counsellor and regular visits by the school nurse.

Pupils also have access to an on-line system called SHARP where they can confidentially report any safeguarding or bullying concerns. This is monitored by a trained and designated Safeguarding Officer, who is also available through the day for pupils to drop in and see. All Smithills staff receive regular safeguarding training, refreshed annually.

Other services to support students include

- Careers Education, independent advice and guidance
- Homework Support clubs
- Enrichment programmes for more able pupils
- Learning Support Centre with specialist staff
- Nurture Groups



"The teachers are always there to help and guide us to do our very best"

"I am having a great time here and have made an absolute massive improvement. I think SMITHILLS SCHOOL is the BEST school you can go to"



Leadership - We value leadership and teamwork, underpinned by a strong ethical and moral dimension.

We believe that every child has a talent and leadership potential. Smithills offers lots of opportunities for children to get involved and discover new skills through a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Sessions are open to all and take place during lunchtimes, before and after school and at weekends in a diverse range of activities including sports, music and drama productions. We have an award winning dance group, choir and brass band.

Music tuition is available free to all pupils.



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Diversity - We value the acceptance and fair treatment of all people in our community. We encourage the development of a wide range of curricular and enrichment opportunities to facilitate individual talents and interests

We believe that pupils develop character through experiencing a wide range of opportunities to work and meet new people and in new situations.

Moving On

As pupils get ready to leave and go out into the wider world, we ensure that our pupils have the confidence and life skills to take the next steps. We have positive links with all the local colleges and Sixth Forms, including Bolton School. Career assemblies, one to one support, work experience, conferences with local businesses and aspirational visits to some of the best universities in the country also help students make the best choices moving on.



“My teachers try and make my lessons as much fun as possible and succeed in doing so”



“It was great to be offered this opportunity to work with professional producers”

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Our brass band has toured Belgium, playing concerts and enjoying some of the tourist attractions. Previously they have played at Disneyland in Paris and toured America and New Zealand

Recent trips include:

- The WW1 centenary events, touring sites in Messines, Ypres and Flanders.
- Paris as part of a combined geography and languages trip.
- GCSE Dance have visited America, touring New York and taking part in Alvin Ailey dance classes. The dance group have also performed at Alton Towers 'Scarefest' and are currently through to the finals of the UK Dance Elite Championship.
- A Year 7 camping trip to Cholmondeley, honing their bushcraft skills .
- Year 10 Geography students went on an overnight field trip. Looking at river tributaries as part of their GCSE coursework.
- Theatre, cinema and theme park trips throughout the year.

All students have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.